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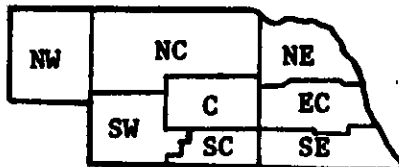
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WEATHER

The week was cold and dry. Average temperatures ranged from one degree below normal east to seventeen degrees below normal west. Precipitation averaged less than a tenth of an inch.

GENERAL

Farm and ranch activity in Nebraska centered around grain handling, livestock management, book work, and general farm chores. The condition of farm stored grain was reported good in most areas, no major problems with insects, rodents or spoilage. Shop work, machinery maintenance and fencing were major farm activities. Bookkeeping activities for tax records, ordering supplies and planning for 1988 were active last month.



WINTER WHEAT

Winter wheat condition rated 25% fair and 75% good. Adequate snow cover was beneficial to the crop, averaging 7.2 inches, ranging from over one foot in the western counties to under two inches in the eastern counties. There was some wind damage in the Panhandle prior to the snow storms of December.

LIVESTOCK

Feed grain, hay and forage supplies are rated adequate to surplus in most of the State. Pasture and range feed is mostly adequate. Mild conditions early in December extended livestock grazing on crop residues and allowed producers to make repairs and build new livestock facilities. The snow, which provided good cover for winter wheat, forced some operators in western areas to feed hay and supplement winter grazing. Livestock winter losses have been light so far.

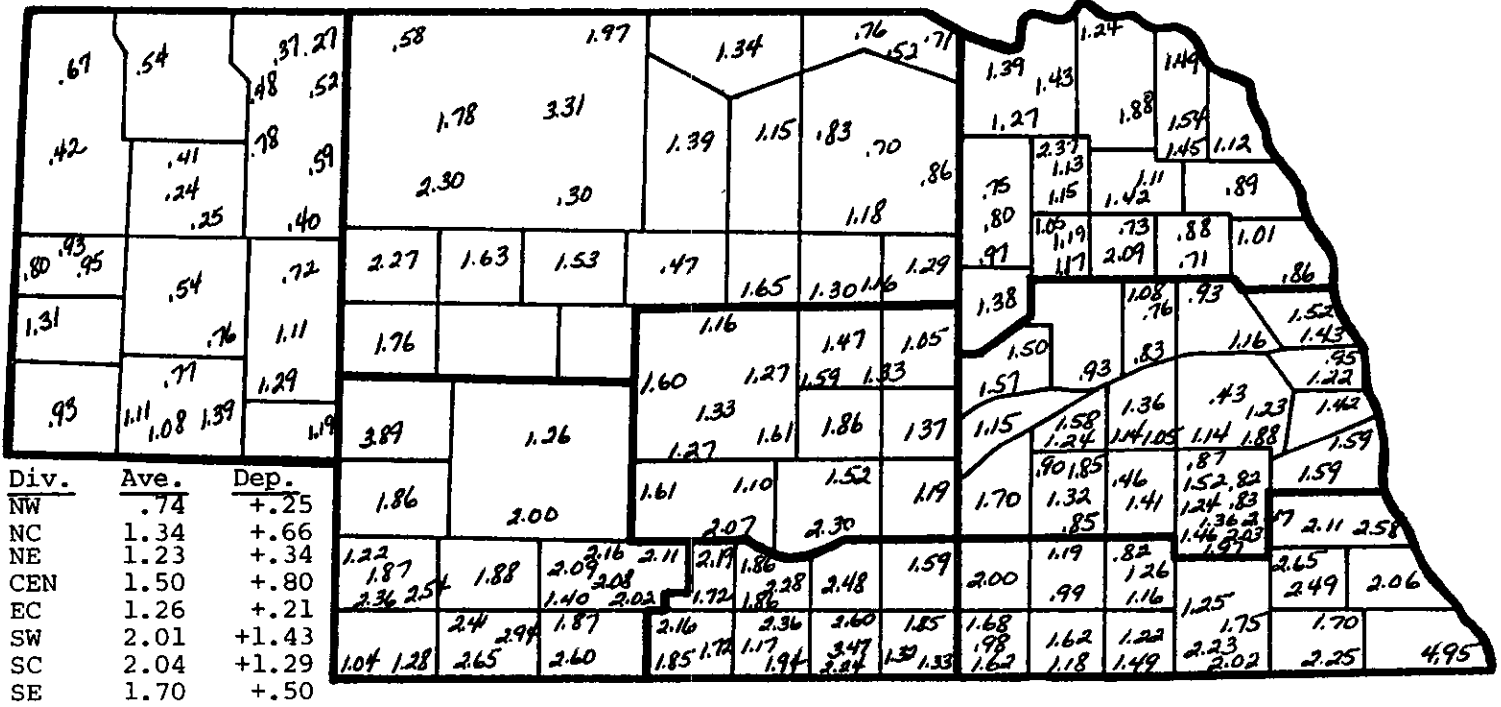


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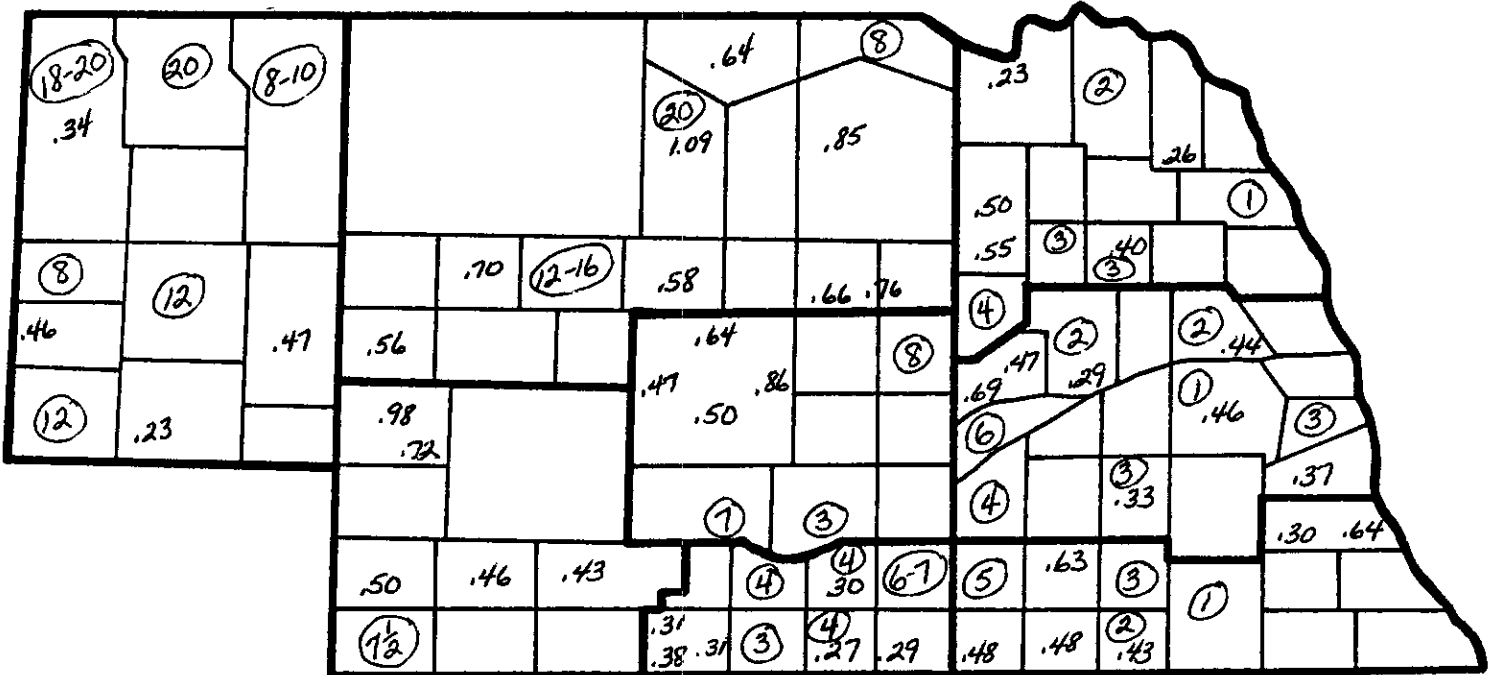
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1987 1/



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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1988



Circled numbers indicate depth of snow (inches) reported by county agents, vocational agriculture instructors and PCA representatives.

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 1988

Station		Temperature			Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Total Inches 1/
		Max	Min		
NW	Chadron	39	-6	13	.10
	Scottsbluff	28	-11	8	.03
	Sidney	30	-7	12	T
NC	Ord	31	-16	14	0
	Valentine	32	-17	10	.10
NE	Norfolk	33	-9	14	T
	Sioux City	35	-4	18	.07
CEN	Grand Island	36	-6	15	.03
EC	Lincoln	39	3	21	.02
	Omaha	35	2	21	.02
SW	Imperial	--	--	--	--
	North Platte	34	-7	11	T

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.